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Tops performance

[Above] Col. Danny Leonard, 65th Air Base Wing vice commander, introduces this year's Tops In Blue team prior to their performance Saturday at the military port in Praia. [Right] Airman 1st Class Beverly Sadural leads a song during the evening's performance. More than 1,000 people from the base and local community attended the event. The team will perform at bases across Europe through October. (Photos by Airman 1st Class Josie Kemp)



First Look

CCC farewell

A farewell dinner for Chief Master Sgt. Cathi L. Durick, 65th Air Base Wing command chief master sergeant, takes place at 3 p.m. Saturday at Warrior Park.

The Top of the Rock Club ballroom is the alternate location.

Attire is casual. Cost for the barbecue dinner is \$5.

See your unit Top 3 representative today for tickets.

Preflight

- Days since last DUI .. 80
- DUIs since Jan. 1 2
- Current AEF 5 & 6
- Current FPCON Alpha
- Strong Patriot July 26
- Combat Nighthawk team: 1st Lt. Barney King II, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron; Master Sgt. Steven Milroy, 65th Mission Support Squadron; and Staff Sgt. Nichol Williams, 65th Services Squadron

COLA survey comes to Lajes

By Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald
Crossroads editor

Accompanied U.S. military members at Lajes have until Aug. 1 to complete a living pattern survey that'll help determine how much COLA, or cost of living allowance, they'll see in future paychecks.

"In short, this survey asks where people buy their goods and services," said Maj. Phil Ruter II, 65th Comptroller Squadron commander.

"Information received from the survey will be used in planning and completing a separate survey - a retail price report - that forms the basis for setting our COLA rates," said Senior Airman Iliana Hernandez, 65th Comptrol-

ler Squadron financial analyst.

The Airman said taking the survey is vital, especially for those who are regular off-base shoppers.

"Since the euro is currently worth more than the dollar, we're paying more for certain items," Airman Hernandez said. "If we report that we shop off-base more than on-base then our COLA might increase due to a fluctuation in the exchange rate."

Major Ruter highly encouraged participation from all accompanied military members at Lajes.

"Even if someone shops at an off-base store very infrequently, it's important to mention that," Major Ruter said. "This survey directly impacts everyone's wallet and it's important that we do our part."

To take the online survey, visit <https://www.perdiem.osd.mil/oscola/lps/portugal/>.

'Hurricane Jake' hits base, island

By Tech. Sgt.
Renee Kirkland
NCOIC, public affairs

Team Lajes had their own encounter with a hurricane last week. 'Hurricane Jake' hit Terceira as part of Lajes Lightning 05-4.

The two-day exercise tested the 65th Air Base Wing's capability to survive and operate under conditions brought about by a hurricane hitting the island.

Exercise scenarios spun by exercise evaluation team mem-

bers varied. From building damage caused by high winds and water, to hazardous waste spills and downed communications channels, Team Lajes had their hands full.

Bldg. T-100 received wind and water damage. Members of the 65th Mission Support Group, 65th Comptroller Squadron and wing staff agencies, patched broken windows with cardboard, duct tape and garbage bags to prevent the elements from causing any further damage.

One inject, which involved the base's local area network, affected everyone.

"Taking the LAN down for a short time was a choice second-guessed by many," said Maj. Christopher Pewterbaugh, 65th Air Base Wing inspector general. "This inject offered a realism not normally seen in Lajes exercises."

Bringing down the LAN took coordination between the 65th Civil Engineer and Communications Squadrons.

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Maintainers restore wing's only C-5 towbar

By Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald
Crossroads editor

A group of 65th Operations Support Squadron and 729th Air Mobility Squadron maintainers joined forces recently to complete the restoration of the wing's only C-5 towbar.

Instead of letting the towbar corrode, the team took action as part of the week-long project.

"Due to the harsh, corrosive saltwater environment at Lajes and of a lack of indoor hangar space, the towbar was corroding," said 1st Lt. Clifford Scruggs, 65th OSS maintenance operations officer.

"Our maintainers stepped up to the plate and salvaged the severely corroded C-5 towbar worth more than \$22,000," the lieutenant said.

The week-long project included sanding, priming, painting, curing and finally stenciling.

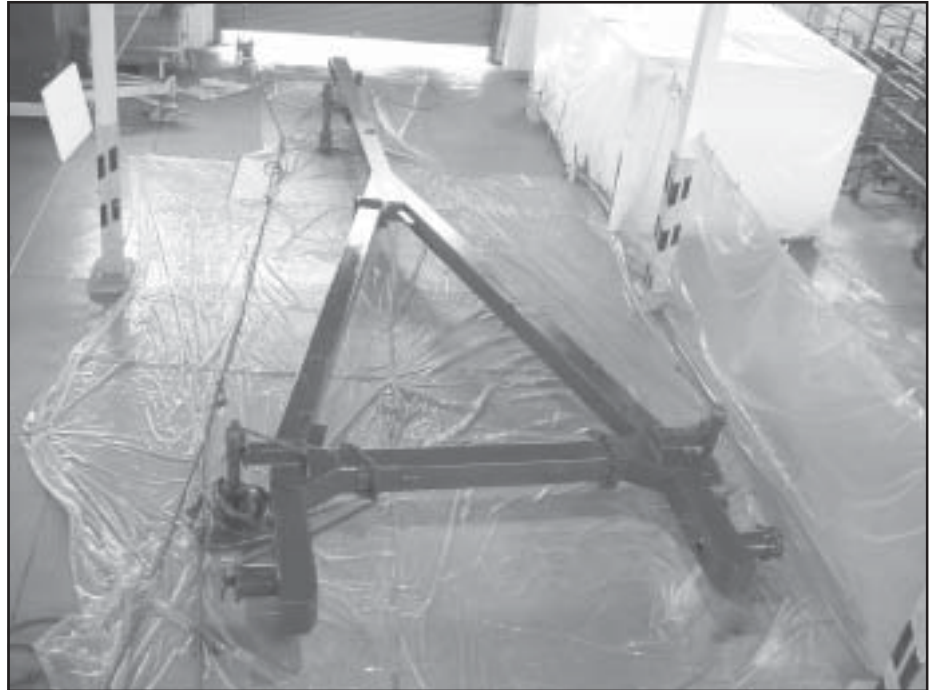
"From the men and women of the 65th OSS Maintenance Flight – specifically transient alert, aerospace ground equipment and fabrication flights – to the maintainers assigned to the 729th AMS, this was truly a team effort between all Lajes maintainers," said Master Sgt. Robert Block, 65th OSS maintenance operations superintendent.

"Everyone who had a role, regardless of how large or small, should be proud of their part in this project," Lieutenant Scuggs said. "Each person did their part in being good stewards of our government's money."

Sergeant Block singled out one 65th OSS maintainer and also gave thanks to the 729th AMS for their support.

"Staff Sgt. Jason Sharpe, our NCOIC of aircraft structural maintenance, did a lot of this project by himself," Sergeant Block explained. "He did an excellent job without absolutely any complaints in the very hot personal protective suit he had to wear every step of the way."

"Additionally, we received tremendous lateral support from the 729th AMS," Ser-



Lajes maintainers salvaged a C-5 towbar worth more than \$22,000. (Courtesy photo)

geant Block said. "They gave us a week without C-5 traffic to allow us to do a quality job and ensure a quality product."

As part of Combat Flightline, Team Lajes has also accomplished other feats:

- Spent \$19.3K and contributed more than 200 man hours in self-help facility improvements.

- Created the Coronet Liaison Office to coordinate required service and support for fighter aircraft transiting through Lajes Field.

- Made improvements in foreign object elimination (FOE) prevention/reduction and flightline appearance.

- Purchased new "FOE Boss" surface sweeping machine.

- Totally redesigned, refurbished and re-furnished transient alert office with self help.

- Purchased new transient alert uniforms to standardize all coveralls, ear defenders and protective eyewear for a distinct and professional image.

- Installed mooring cable for aerospace ground equipment ready line to enhance safety and flightline image.

- Built two separate "life support" locker rooms, purchased and installed 60 aircrew helmet and flight equipment locker, and built rooms equipped with helmet and mask testers, anti-exposure suit rack, mask and visor cleaning materials, and washing machines for laundering flight suits.

Lajes' Combat Flightline initiatives are helping ensure its primary weapon system, which includes the flightline and transient services, are world class.

Focus notes

Leadership training

A Men's Spiritual Leadership Training/Breakfast takes place from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday in the base chapel's fellowship hall.

The free breakfast will consist of ham, eggs, biscuits, hash browns and pancakes.

For more information, call Larry Scoggins at 295-549-269.

Combat Wingman

The 65th Services Squadron and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service have teamed together to provide seven new Combat Wingman incentives.

Wingmen who produce a properly documented Wingman Card and are with their Wingman may take advantage of the following daily offers from these 65th SVS facilities:

- **Summer Wingman Bowling Special** - Cardholders receive three games of bowling each for \$3, plus shoes for \$1.

- **Arts and crafts special** - Cardholders receive one hour of free hobby shop use.

- **Auto hobby shop** - Cardholders receive one hour of free auto hobby shop use.

These Wingman Wednesday incentives from AAFES are

available on Wednesdays:

- **Burger King** - Buy one value meal get the second one of equal or lesser value for half price.

- **Base theater** - Get two admissions and two medium popcorns for \$9.99.

- **Vescovie Coffee Shop** - Buy one cappuccino get one free.

- **Shoppette** - Buy one cappuccino get one free or rent one video and get the second one of equal or lesser value free.



Recruiting, retention stats up for all services

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

Recruiting and retention rates were up in June for all the services in both the active and reserve components, Defense Department officials announced Monday in Washington.

The release of June recruiting and retention statistics for all four services today came as welcome news following a spring slump for the active Army and the reserve components.

The June recruiting and retention numbers reflect "a lot of hard work," particularly on the part of Army recruiters, Bill Carr, acting deputy undersecretary for military personnel policy, told American Forces Press Service.

"But we still have a long way to go," Mr. Carr said, not only to meet year-end recruiting goals, but also to attract recruits to enter the military in fiscal 2006 through the Delayed Entry Program.

The Army had hoped to enter fiscal 2005

with 30 percent of its new soldiers already recruited through the Delayed Entry Program but came up 12 percent below projections, Carr explained. That left recruiters scrambling to make up the gap, he said.

The Defense Department continues to work with Congress to increase incentives available to recruiters as they work to fill the military's ranks.

"We need a better, stronger toolkit of recruiting and retention incentives for recruiters," Mr. Carr said.

The DoD is encouraging Congress to approve increasing the ceiling on enlistment bonuses from \$20,000 to \$40,000, he said. It's also hoping to boost retention bonuses to entice trained servicemembers to stay in the military.

In June, the Army outrecruited all the other services in the active component, reaching 109 percent of its mission by enlisting more than 6,157 new soldiers.

The Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force all exceeded their June goals as well, recruiting more than 4,500, 4,100 and 2,400 mem-

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bers, respectively, defense officials reported today.

In addition, all services met or exceeded their overall active-duty retention goals for June. Four of the six reserve components exceeded their June recruiting goals, with only the Army National Guard and Navy Reserve falling short of their missions, officials said.

The Army and Air National Guard both reported retention rates that exceeded their June goals — 106 percent for the Army National Guard and 110 percent for the Air National Guard.

Exercise

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"Bringing down the power in a building outfitted with redundant circuits to prevent this from happening was not easy," said Master Sgt. Calvin Wilson, 65th Communications Squadron.

Bringing down the LAN had a two-fold purpose: To see what steps the 65th CES would take to reestablish power and to see how the base would respond to losing such a vital communications tool.

"Battle staff members quickly shifted to alternative means to disseminate battle staff directives," said Major Pewterbaugh. "Our unit control centers were kept up to date until LAN connectivity could be reestablished."

The communications outage lasted about 30 minutes.

As part of the overall scenario, the island was affected by flooding in the lowlands and participants were directed to bring their families on base to billeting.

"The battle staff deliberately chose to direct family members to come on base," said the major. "By directing and not leaving the move as an option, the battle staff paved the way to making the move a reimbursable expense thereby lessening the financial burden caused by the hurricane."

Overall, the exercise allowed



[Above] Airman Michael Thoms, left, and Airman 1st Class Nicholas Natale, Lajes Fire Department, decontaminate Senior Airman Phil Rycraft, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, during last week's hurricane exercise. [Below, right] Staff Sgt. Jose Loureiro, 65th Medical Support Squadron, checks the vitals of Staff Sgt. Elmer Francisco, 65th Medical Operations Squadron, as part of the two-day exercise. (Photos by Airman 1st Class Josie Kemp)

new members at Lajes to understand the process of exercising at Lajes. But all the exercising in the world won't help Lajes prepare for a real-world disaster unless people learn from their mistakes, said Chief Master Sgt. Trevor Henry, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron.

"People must give feedback and provide corrective action,"

said Chief Henry. "The high turnover-rate makes it necessary for information to be accurately transferred from one regime to another."

Team Lajes weathered the storm caused by 'Hurricane Jake' and now must learn from its mistakes and rebuild its foundation stronger than ever so it can ride out the next storm, he said.





New top medic

Col. Robert Winston, 65th Air Base Wing commander passes the 65th Medical Group guidon to Col. Denise K. Lew during the group's change of command ceremony July 6 outside the Top of the Rock Club. Colonel Lew comes to Lajes Field from the Tricare Regional Office, North Region, in Washington, D.C., where she was the chief of program operations. (Photo by Guido Melo)



Defense Review matches strategy with capabilities

**By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service**

The Quadrennial Defense Review, due to Congress in February, is a long-term look to ensure the Department of Defense has the tools needed to do the missions of the future, a senior DoD policy official said.

Douglas Feith, undersecretary of defense for policy, said the review will take its cues from the National Defense Strategy released in March.

"The Defense Strategy stresses the importance of strategic uncertainty," Mr. Feith said in an interview. "It tells everyone in the department, 'Don't pretend that you can predict the future.'"

When he entered office more than four years ago, the hottest topic was ballistic missile defense. No one could have predicted the threat that turned into the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"We have to understand that the world is going to present us with challenges that we're not going to precisely identify in advance," he said.

"That doesn't mean that you can't plan," Mr. Feith said. "You have to plan to be surprised."

Given an uncertain future, the United States must build a force that is flexible, fast

and can counter many different threats, he said.

A spectrum of challenges faces America and its allies, Mr. Feith said. Some are conventional challenges from nation states. Others focus on the terrorist threats. Still others deal with responses to catastrophic challenges and others with disruptive challenges.

"There are some people who think that since 9/11 we are focused only on irregular threats and we've forgotten other types of problems," Mr. Feith said. "That's just not the case."

Another large part of the review deals with other countries. Obviously, Mr. Feith said, the United States needs the cooperation of other countries to defeat terrorists. The United States does not have the freedom of action to go after terrorist cells wherever they are located.

"There are great difficulties (in) having to fight an enemy who is present in numerous countries with whom we are not at war," he said.

Part of the National Defense Strategy is to "encourage and enable" other countries to go after terrorists, Mr. Feith said.

The QDR will look at ways the military can build what he called "partnership capacity." "How do we work with other countries to build up their capabilities to act in

our common interests?" he asked.

The undersecretary said there are probably changes in law, in institutions, in activities, and in resources that would allow DoD to do this more effectively.

Mr. Feith also expanded on the idea of "jointness." He said the traditional usage of the term is military services working together.

But, he said, he sees "expanding rings" of jointness, first encompassing the military working with other federal agencies and then as a country working with international partners.

"This is a war that clearly cannot be won by military means alone, and it cannot be won by the United States alone," he said.

One example is the global peace operations initiative that strives to build the capabilities of other countries.

"We have the thought of working with Congress to change some of the 'stovepiped' arrangements for training and equipping other countries' security forces," he said.

The DoD needs to work more closely with the State and Justice departments and others to facilitate the training, he said.

Officials will use information gleaned from the QDR to inform the decisions for the 2007 defense budget request.



Staff Sgt. Earnest Everett, 65th Medical Operations Squadron, performs a routine dental cleaning on Staff Sgt. Ryan Thompson, 65th Mission Support Group, at the new Lajes dental clinic. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Josie Kemp)

Medical official explains local dental care, Tricare

Family members can seek dental treatment in Praia

By Crossroads staff

Although Lajes may be a small base, it does provide a choice for some on where to seek dental care.

People at Lajes have two primary dental providers: the military dental treatment facility and services provided by the Tricare Dental Plan.

"Active-duty members require annual exams and must receive necessary treatments at the base dental facility," said Maj. Toni Strong, 65th Medical Operations Squadron. "However, the clinic sees family members only on a space-available basis."

Family member treatment through the TDP is available in Praia.

"We currently have one TDP-participating dentist in Praia," said Major Strong. "Family members enrolled in TDP may see the TDP provider in Praia rather than wait for space-available care at the dental clinic. Family members must show their TDP den-

tal identification card and receive a nonavailability and referral form from the Lajes dental clinic prior to receiving care from the local dentist."

To receive care through TDP, sponsors can enroll family members at the United Concordia Companies, Inc. web site or by mail.

Family members who are enrolled in the states remain enrolled during their overseas assignment unless the sponsor elects to disenroll them through UCCI to cancel the insurance.

There is a fee to receive the dental coverage.

According to Major Strong, monthly premiums are \$9.32 for one family member and \$23.31 for multiple family members.

"With TDP preventive, diagnostic and emergency care is covered 100 percent," she said. "Other dental services are cost shared."

For more information, call the dental clinic at 2-3139, the Tricare Service Center at 2-2262 or visit the UCCI web site at www.ucci.com or the Tricare Europe web site at www.europe.tricare.osd.mil.

Death benefits, insurance increase for servicemembers

By Army Sgt. Sara Wood
American Forces
Press Service

Compensation for the survivors of servicemembers who die in combat zones and insurance coverage for servicemembers will both increase significantly this year.

An increase in death gratuity benefits from \$12,500 to \$100,000 already has taken effect, and Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance maximum coverage will increase to \$400,000 starting Sept. 1, said Col. Virginia Penrod, director of military compensation.

The increase in death benefits took effect May 11 and is dated retroactively to Oct. 7, 2001, Colonel Penrod said. This means that survivors of servicemembers who died between Oct. 7, 2001, and May 11, 2005, will receive the increased benefits, as will survivors of servicemembers who die from May 11 on, she said.

The increased benefits are for survivors of servicemembers who die in combat zones, combat operations and combat-related situations, she said.

Combat-related situations include airborne duty, combat training, demolition duty and training exercises.

A policy designating combat areas and situations was given to the individual services in June, and each service is now reviewing cases. Payments already have begun, but the process of identifying and paying eligible survivors could take several months, the colonel said.

When the increase in SGLI coverage takes effect Sept. 1, it also will be dated retroactively to Oct. 7, 2001. Survivors of servicemembers who died in a combat zone, combat operations or combat-related situations between the October date and Sept. 1 will receive \$150,000 in transitional insurance, which will bring them to \$400,000.

Besides the increased coverage, the DoD will pay premiums of \$150,000 for servicemembers involved in combat operations or deployed to a combat zone.

The increase of these two benefits came about as a result of a 2004 study evaluating the adequacy of death benefits for servicemembers.

Travel to London OK, officials say

7/12/2005 - **RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFP)** — In conjunction with the United Kingdom government, U.S. Air Forces in Europe senior military officials now consider the London situation stabilized to the point where unofficial travel to London is acceptable.

However, Airmen and their families will be asked to avoid areas where British authorities are still conducting search and recovery operations as a result of the July 7 terrorist attacks in London.

The original USAFE guidance was put in place to keep unnecessary people away from affected areas and from disrupting the mass transit system, as well as to await the U.K. government's assessment of the situation and possibility for subsequent attacks.

Officials said they will continue to work closely with the appropriate U.K. authorities regarding this matter.

"We couldn't be more saddened," said Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAFE commander. "Our hearts and thoughts are with those personally involved, as well as their friends and families. Our forces are ready and willing to help the U.K. government if needed." (Courtesy of USAFE News Service)

Trench digging

Portuguese construction workers dig a trench near the entrance of the Nascido do Sol housing area Tuesday. The trench will be used as an outlet for an electrical connection to Phase II housing. The project is expected to be complete today. (Photo by Master Sgt. Michael Featherston)



Force Shaping Phase II evolves for fiscal 2006

By Master Sgt.
Mitch Gettle
Air Force Print News

The Air Force achieved its congressionally mandated active-duty end strength of 359,700 Airmen for fiscal 2005.

The Air Force had exceeded that ceiling until now.

Force Shaping Phase II initiatives successfully reduced the overall size of the force; however, the Air Force still has more officers than authorized and Phase II will continue into the next fiscal year, beginning Oct. 1.

"We will now limit voluntary

separation opportunities for active-duty enlisted Airmen, while maintaining voluntary programs for officers," said Brig. Gen. Glenn F. Spears, force management policy director on the director of personnel staff at the Pentagon.

"We met our goals to balance and reduce excesses in our enlisted force, and we must continue to focus on shaping the officer force in size and skills," he said.

Two force-shaping initiatives for the enlisted force will be retained: the "Blue to Green" option and the career

job reservation program.

"Airmen who do not wish to obtain a CJR or do not want to retrain may apply to transfer to the Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard via Palace Chase, transfer to the Army via the Blue to Green program, apply for opportunities in civil service or separate upon fulfillment of their enlistment," General Spears said.

For Air Force officers, force-shaping opportunities are still available and will continue until the Air Force meets its end strength numbers for 2006.

"We currently have more of-

ficers than allowed by law, particularly in the junior grades," General Spears said. "This excess produces operational and fiscal costs — it restricts their opportunities to serve and to develop as leaders in our force, and it takes dollars from other validated requirements. Therefore, we will continue to offer a variety of programs for these officers to voluntarily leave the Air Force. If there are insufficient volunteers, we will have to consider other options."

For more information, visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/shape2.htm.

Officials: Don't let your teen's summer go to pot

By Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald
Crossroads editor

With summer vacation in full swing, many Lajes teens are enjoying more free time and less responsibility.

"For this reason alone, the summer months can present new challenges for parents," said Shelley Satterlee, base drug demand reduction program manager.

According to data from the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, more teens smoke marijuana for the first time in June and July than any other time of the year. Every summer day, more than 5,800 teens try marijuana for the first time.

"Parents can take a few steps to prevent their teen's summer from going to pot," Ms. Satterlee said.

Here is a list of SUMMER tips.

S = Set rules.

"Let your child know drug abuse is unacceptable," Ms. Satterlee explained. "Two-

thirds of kids say upsetting their parents or losing the respect of family and friends is one of the main reasons they don't use drugs. Set limits with clear consequences."

U = Understand and communicate.

"Learn about drugs and explain to your teen about its harmful health, social, learning and mental effects," she said.

Information is available in the demand reduction office in Bldg. T-425, or by calling 2-4252.

M = Make sure you know where your teen is.

"Research shows that teens with unsupervised time are three times more likely to use drugs, drink, smoke, or get sexually active," Ms. Satterlee said.

M = Make sure you know who your teen is with.

"Get to know your child's friends and their parents, as well as coaches, employers, and youth center staff," she explained. "Ask them to inform you of any changes in your teen's

behavior, such as making a new circle of friends, distancing themselves from old friends, poor personal appearance, changes in eating and sleeping habits.

E = Engage your teen in a supervised summer camp, educational, chapel or sports programs.

"Research shows teens involved in constructive, adult-supervised activities are less likely to use drugs," Ms. Satterlee said. "Also, teens who attend religious services one or more hours weekly are less likely to use drugs."

R = Reserve time for family.

"Spending time together as a family regularly is vital," she said.

For more details, visit www.theanti-drug.com, the demand reduction office in Bldg. T-425 or call 2-4252.

Another source of information is the base's new adolescent substance abuse counselor for the schools, Georgina Gould. To reach her during the summer months, visit the teen center or call 2-3645.



COMMENTARY

Command chief: Not goodbye ... see you later

**By Chief Master Sgt.
Cathi L. Durick
65th Air Base Wing
command chief master sergeant**

It was only a year ago that we started our descent to Lajes Field at o' dark thirty as I kept looking out the window for lights ... any lights — there were none.

My husband sat in the window seat, I was in the middle and kept asking — do you see anything? He kept saying no — I thought we might be lost. Well we weren't lost, I truly believe we were found; we picked the right place to be, but it wasn't to be for as long as we'd hoped.

You see, chief master sergeants, like everyone else, go where the Air Force needs them. In this case, 14th Air Force at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., needs my experience as a command chief.

Our leaving is bittersweet; although I will miss our small community here at Lajes, I am looking forward to serving the

people of 14th Air Force and Space Command.

Our time here with the Lajes Team has been the most fulfilling we've had in 26 years. The base is absolutely beautiful and well cared for, and the attitude and hard work of the people is incredible. The small town atmosphere is truly amazing — and that's what makes Lajes an exciting place to live and work.

The facilities are getting upgraded all the time, new family housing is being constructed, and the new wing commander is ambitious and pushing to improve all the things that will make Lajes an even better place to live. More improvements are coming to make life better for our people — so they can keep developing tomorrow's Air Force. It has truly been an honor to be part of it all.

Never have I known people to pull together so well to get things done. Our Rising Six is awesome and getting stronger every day. Our senior NCOs in

the Top Three can pull off practically any event with only a day's notice and make it look like an event that took six months to plan. Our first sergeants are truly the diamonds they wear. They're so valuable to the squadron and to the Air Force, giving of themselves 24/7 to make sure their troops are taken care of. Shirts: I salute you all!

It has been truly awesome to serve as the command chief master sergeant for a wing that sits so high on the charts. As I sat in the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Commanders'/Command Chief Conference just two weeks ago, I just beamed ... Lajes again, was at the top of the scale for every program there is, and I am and have been very proud to be part of the Lajes team for the past 12 months!

The chief selected to take my place has no idea what an honor it will be to serve you all. I will not say goodbye, but see you later, because many of you I will. See you again...

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Commander's Line

Call 2-4240 or e-mail
actionline@lajes.af.mil.

The Commander's Line is your direct link to me for suggestions, kudos and as a way to work problems or issues within the 65th Air Base Wing for which you can't find another solution.

Your chain of command should always be your first option for praise or problems - but when that's not the answer, call or e-mail the CC Line.

Thank you!

**Col. Robert Winston
65th Air Base Wing
commander**



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One way to go: Traveling by commercial bus

By Eduardo Lima
Community relations adviser

Question:

Are there any commercial buses that travel among the base, Praia and Angra? If so, where can I go to catch them?

Answer:

The local bus company, Empresa de Viação Terceirense (EVT), has several buses running between the base and Praia and between Praia and Angra as well as other island locations.

The buses stop at the bus stops identified with a small circular or rectangular sign with the letters EVT, which are usually placed next to shelters built on the side of the streets.

Bus stops on base are located at the square in front of the Portuguese Air Force gymnasium, between the billeting facilities (Bldg. T-144 and Bldg. T-155), directly across from the base chapel, in front of 65th Air Base Wing Headquarters (Bldg. T-100) and in front of the Portuguese passenger terminal across from Bldg. T-615. The bus stops off-base are spread out throughout the different villages.

Bus fares are obviously based on the distance traveled. For example, a one-way trip between the base and Praia costs 80 euro cents while a one-way trip between Praia and Angra costs two euros.



Bus schedule

Below is the bus schedule between the base and Praia and between Praia and Angra. For other bus itineraries and costs, visit the EVT office at #15, Rua Padre Rocha Sousa in Praia or call 295-512-171.

Base – Praia

Weekday Schedule

Departs Praia	Departs Base
7:30 a.m.	7:20 a.m. (c)
	8 a.m. (c)
8:30 a.m.	9 a.m. (c)
12 p.m. (a)	12:30 p.m. (b)
1 p.m. (a)	1:30 p.m. (b)
3:30 p.m.	4 p.m.
4:15 p.m. (a)	5 p.m.
6:05 p.m. (a)	6:30 p.m. (d)

Saturday Schedule

Departs Praia	Departs Base
7:30 a.m.	8 a.m.
8:30 a.m.	9 a.m. (c)
12:15 p.m. (a)	12:45 p.m. (b)
	4 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	5 p.m.

- a) Goes up Santa Rita Hill and ends at Serra São Tiago (behind the Civil Engineer compound)
- b) Starts at Serra São Tiago and goes down Santa Rita Hill.
- c) Exits base through Beira Mar Gate, goes to Serra São Tiago and goes down Santa Rita Hill.
- d) Starts at Serra São Tiago and goes down Santa Rita Hill

Praia – Angra

Weekday Schedule

Buses depart simultaneously from Praia and Angra on the hour starting at 6 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m.

Saturday Schedule

Departs Angra	Departs Praia
6:15 a.m.	6 a.m.
7 a.m.	7 a.m.
8 a.m.	8 a.m.
9 a.m.	9 a.m.
10 a.m.	10 a.m.
11 a.m.	11 a.m.
12 p.m.	12 p.m.
1 p.m.	1 p.m.
3 p.m.	2 p.m.
5 p.m.	4 p.m.
7 p.m.	6 p.m.

Sunday Schedule

Departs Angra	Departs Praia
9 a.m.	8 a.m.
11 a.m.	10 p.m.
1 p.m.	noon
3 p.m.	2 p.m.
5 p.m.	4 p.m.
7 p.m.	6 p.m.



Everyday Hero

Tech. Sgt.
Doug Fritts

65th Medical Operations
Squadron

Duty title: NCOIC, Bioenvironmental Engineering

Job description: Responsible for the occupational health of all military and civilian employees on base; monitor chemical exposures that may affect employee health; monitor the base drinking water; base radiation monitor; conduct gas mask and respirator fit-testing to base personnel; chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosive response

Time in the Air Force: 18 years

Spouse/children: Wife, Beth, and daughters, Megan and Kelli

What's the best aspect of your job? Being able to help people understand how

working healthy now will help them be healthy later in life

What are your career goals? To get everything I can out of the Air Force experience and apply that knowledge to my environmental company

Best military experience: Traveling around the world and finally making master sergeant

Life goal: To never grow up and get old
Hometown: Oliver Springs, Tenn.

One word to describe you: Determined

Hobbies: Motorcycle riding, outdoor sports and computers

Favorite food(s): Greek and "beffa" burgers

Favorite color: Tennessee Orange "Go Vols"

Pet peeve: Tardiness

No one knows: I am a musician

When I was growing up, I wanted to be: I'm still growing up!

The first thing I would do if I won \$1,000,000 is: Buy a custom motorcycle

Standings

Summer Basketball

Team	W	L	T
CES	3	0	0
SMAC	2	1	0
COMM	2	2	0
AMS	1	2	0
LRS	0	3	0

Intramural Softball

Team	W	L	T
CES #1	13	2	0
LRS	13	3	0
COMM	12	4	0
AMS	11	7	0
SFS	9	7	0
SMAC	7	10	0
OSS	6	12	0
CES #2	3	12	0
Med Gp	0	17	0

Co-ed Softball

Team	W	L	T
LRS	6	2	0
CES	5	1	1
Med Gp	2	5	1
Ladies/Varsity	1	6	0

Ladies' Softball

Team	W	L	T
COMM	9	3	0
CES/SFS	7	5	0
Med Gp/AMS	2	10	0

Intramural Golf

Team	W	L	T
COMM #1	6	0	0
CES	5	2	0
OSS	4	1	1
LRS	3	2	0
SMAC	2	2	2
AMS	2	4	0
COMM #2	1	5	1
Med Gp	0	7	0

Intramural Soccer

Team	W	L	T
CES	5	2	0
LRS	5	2	1
OSS/SMAC	4	2	1
AMS	0	8	0

Note: For further updates, visit <http://eteamz.com/bomdia>.

Timeout

HCAC meeting

The next Heath Care Advisory Council meeting is set for 1-2 p.m. July 26 at the base chapel. The HCAC provides an opportunity for beneficiaries to speak directly to health care professionals about current health care issues, policies, procedures and programs.

For more information, call Capt. Angela Thompson at 2-3013.



Fun run

Team Lajes warriors take part in the Chace Fitness Center's 5K fun run Monday. More than 100 people from the base took part in the monthly fun run. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Josie Kemp)

AF changes fitness test criteria

by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

Air Force officials are making a few changes to the physical fitness test used to assess the fitness of Airmen.

In January 2004, the Air Force underwent a major change in the way it looked at fitness. As part of the Fit to Fight program, the service adopted a more stringent physical fitness assessment that measures aerobic fitness, physical strength/endurance and body composition.

Now, 18 months into the program, senior leaders are ready to tweak the assessment to make it even better, said Lt. Gen. (Dr.) George Peach Taylor Jr., Air Force surgeon general.

"We have gotten together a group of scientists and done surveys asking folks if they like the assessment and are there issues with it," Dr. Taylor said. "This last year, we brought an update to Corona and are now in the middle of updating a few changes to the Air Force instruction that defines the fitness evaluation."

Updates to AFI 10-248 will include a change in how body composition is measured, a new table for the running portion of the test that takes into account the runner's elevation, and a change in the number of days an Airman must wait before retesting after having scored in the marginal category.

Under the original fitness evaluation, body composition scores were based on abdominal circumference only.

The updated AFI will now direct that body

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-- General John P. Jumper
Air Force chief of staff

composition also be measured using body mass index.

BMI is calculated by dividing weight in pounds by height in inches squared, and multiplying the result by 703.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, those with a BMI between 18.5 and 24.9 are considered to be normal. Those with a BMI of 25 or above are considered overweight.

Under the updated AFI, Airmen with a BMI of less than 25 will earn the full 30 points for body composition.

For Airmen who score a BMI of 25 and

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Game Schedules

Intramural Softball

Monday

6 p.m. - COMM vs. Med Gp
6 p.m. - CES #1 vs. AMS
7:10 p.m. - SFS vs. CES #2
7:10 p.m. - SMAC vs. OSS
8:20 p.m. - CES #2 vs. LRS

Wednesday

6 p.m. - Med Gp vs. CES #1
6 p.m. - COMM vs. SMAC
7:10 p.m. - LRS vs. SFS
7:10 p.m. - CES #2 vs. OSS
8:20 p.m. - AMS vs. SFS

July 25

6 p.m. - AMS vs. SMAC
6 p.m. - COMM vs. SFS
7:10 p.m. - CES #2 vs. CES #1

Summer Basketball League

Monday

6 p.m. - SMAC vs. CES
7 p.m. - LRS vs. AMS

July 25

6 p.m. - COMM vs. AMS
7 p.m. - LRS vs. CES

Intramural Tennis

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. - OSS vs. COMM
7:30 p.m. - SMAC vs. CES

July 26

5:30 p.m. - OSS vs. LRS
7:30 p.m. - SMAC vs. COMM

Intramural Soccer

Thursday

6 p.m. - OSS/SMAC vs. CES

Co-ed Softball

Thursday

6 p.m. - CES vs. Med Gp
7:10 p.m. - Ladies/Varsity vs. LRS

July 28

6 p.m. - Med Gp vs. LRS
7:10 p.m. - Ladies/Varsity vs. CES

Note: Schedules subject to change.

To see the latest updates, visit
<http://eteamz.com/bomdia>.



Kickin' dirt

Willis Shivers, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, puts the tag on Mark Braden, 65th Security Forces Squadron, as he slides into third base during intramural softball action. The intramural softball regular season continues through July 27. (Photo by Senior Airman Jacob McCarthy)

Test change

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above, Dr. Taylor said the results of the waist measurement would be used to calculate their test score.

"That will still be an important measure of their health," he said. "Waist measure is closely related to increased risk for metabolic syndrome, diabetes, hypertension and heart disease. Fat distribution is the critical indicator, as opposed to weight."

For those who score marginal, between 70 and 74.9 points, the Air Force plans to correct the time to retest at 90 days; currently, retest for marginal category is 180 days. This will be consistent with the retest time for poor scores, those less than 70.

Changes to the AFI will also include adjustments for those at high-altitude installations.

This applies to those at installations with an elevation of 5,000 feet or greater, Dr. Taylor said.

"We'll use the formula for altitude calculations recommended by the National Collegiate Athletic Association," he said.

The Air Force continues to look at ways to improve the fitness evaluation and remains committed to the Fit to Fight program, Dr. Taylor said, because the program has proven successful.

"Participation at fitness centers is up 30 percent now," he said. "And if you go to the field, like in Iraq or Afghanistan, you will find a continued focus on health."

The assessment is not the focus of the fitness program, but a tool to assess the commander's fitness training program.

"I want to make very clear that my focus is not on passing a fitness test once a year," said Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, in his Oct. 17, 2003, Chief's Sight Picture. "More importantly, we are changing the culture of the Air Force."

"This is about our preparedness to deploy and fight," the general said. "It's about warriors. It is about instilling an expectation that makes fitness a daily standard — an essential part of your service."

Dr. Taylor said he hopes the changes to the AFI will be made by late August or early September.

Timeout

Triathlon

The Chace Fitness Center will have a triathlon at 9 a.m. July 23 beginning at the fitness center and ending at the base pool.

Teams will consist of three people and each person will participate in an event to include a 5K run, 10K cycling and swimming four laps at the base pool.

The sign-up deadline is noon, July 22.

To sign up or for more information, call Staff Sgt. Eric Ross at 2-2226.

Game coverage

Unit sports representatives interested in coverage of upcoming games for future issues of the *Crossroads* can e-mail news@lajes.af.mil to receive a SportsForm from the editor.

Summer Swimming Hours

The base swimming pool is available for open and lap swimming on the following times and days during the summer months:

Lap swimming - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; noon to 7 p.m. Saturdays; and noon to 6 p.m. Sundays.

Open swimming - 3:30 to 7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Hours are subject to change due to the availability of lifeguards.





PLANNER

Meal time

Burger King: 7 a.m.-9 p.m. Sun.-Thu.; 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Fri., Sat.

Frank's Franks: 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Tues.-Sat.

Oceanview Island Grill: Lunch 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon.-Sun. Specials, with fries or salad & drink: Mon., roasted chicken or meatball sandwich; Tue., 16" 2-topping pizza; Wed., fried shrimp; Thu., 16" 1-topping pizza or taco salad; Fri., lasagna. Pizza specials only come with drinks.

Subway: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat.; noon-6 p.m. Sun.

Top of the Rock Club: Lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; brunch 8:30 a.m.-noon Sat.; dinner 5-9 p.m. Tue.-Sat. Lunch buffets & specials: Mon., Southern buffet, traditional club sandwich, chef salad; Tue., Mexican buffet, rancho burger, chicken fajita salad; Wed., Italian buffet, meatball sub, chicken Caesar salad; family dinner buffet; Thu.,

Oriental buffet, beef stir-fry sandwich, mandarin chicken salad; 2-4-1 steak night; Fri., seafood buffet, fish sandwich, tuna salad; Prime & Wine dinner; Hoof & Fin dinner special.

Chapel

Daily Mass: 11:30 a.m. Tue., Thu., Fri., 1st & 4th Wed.; 6 p.m. 2nd & 3rd Wed.

Tuesday
Charismatic prayer 7-9 p.m.

Wednesday
Protestant men's/women's lunch/study noon; Catholic choir practice 5 p.m.; Protestant youth bible study 5:30 p.m. T-1412A; traditional choir practice 6 p.m.; hand bell choir practice 7 p.m.

Thursday
Gospel choir practice 7 p.m.

Sunday
Protestant Celebration of Holy Communion 8:30 a.m.; Protestant traditional service 9 a.m.; Protestant Sunday school 10:30 a.m.; Catholic Mass 10:30 a.m.;

Protestant Gospel service & fellowship noon; Protestant teens/youth 6 p.m.

Base services

Barber shop: 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sat.

Beauty shop: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tue.-Sat.

Child development center: 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

Community activities center: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Tue.-Sat.; noon-5 p.m. Sun.

Commissary: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Wed., Fri., Sat.; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Thu.

Chace Fitness Center: 5 a.m.-midnight Mon.-Fri.; 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat., Sun.

Dry cleaners: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tue.-Fri.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat.

Flight View BX: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Wed.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thu.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. & Portuguese holidays

Gas station: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sun., Mon. (gas only); 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tue.-Sat.

Library: 4-9 p.m. Mon.; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Tue.-Thu.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fri.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat., Sun.

Manicure shop: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tue.-Sat.

New Car Sales: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tue.-Wed.; noon-8 p.m. Thu.-Sat.

Ocean Front BX: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Wed.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thu.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun.

Outdoor recreation: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tue.-Sat.; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Sun.

PFCU: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Thu.; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri.

Shoppette: 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sun.

Skills development center: noon-8 p.m. Tue.-Thu.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fri., Sat.

Thrift shop: 12:30-4:30 p.m. Mon. & Wed.; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Fri. & 3rd Sat. of the month.

Vet clinic: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 1-7 p.m. 1st, 3rd Wed.

Youth & teen center: 3-6 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; 8 p.m.-midnight Fri., Sat.

Today: 7 p.m. "Monster In Law," rated PG-13 for sex references and language. Unlucky in love, beautiful "Charlie" has finally met the man of her dreams. Dr. Kevin Fields. There's just one problem - his mother Viola. Overbearing and controlling, not to mention volatile, she has recently been canned from her job as a star news anchor. Fearing she will lose her son's affections as she has her career, Viola decides to break up the happy couple

by becoming the world's worst mother-in-law. **10 p.m. "Unleashed,"** rated R for strong violent content, language and some sexuality/nudity. Danny has been kept as a near prisoner by his "Uncle" Bart since boyhood; trained to attack and, if necessary, kill. Danny knows little of life, except the brutal existence that Bart has so crudely and cruelly fashioned for him. But when Danny has a chance encounter with a soft-spoken blind piano tuner Sam, he senses true kindness and compassion for the first time.

Saturday: 7 p.m., "Kingdom Of Heaven" rated R for strong violence and epic warfare. Balian is mourning the deaths of his wife and baby when his father arrives and asks him to join the Crusades in Jerusalem. Balian agrees, and embarks on the perilous journey. Along the way, he reveals his gifts of inherent goodness and fair treatment of all human beings. Upon reaching Jerusalem, a city where his meager beginnings no longer matter, Balian earns respect.

Sunday: 2 p.m. "Monster In Law" 7 p.m., "Unleashed"

Wednesday: 7 p.m., "Kingdom Of Heaven"

Thursday: 7 p.m., "Monster In Law"

Note: Movies and times shown are subject to change with little or no notice. For more information, call the base theater at 2-4100.



AFN Sports

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Friday

AFN-Atlantic

MLB: Chicago White Sox @ Cleveland Indians, 11 p.m.

AFN-Sports

Cycling: 2005 Tour de France - Stage 13, 6:30 p.m.

MLB: NY Yankees @ Boston Red Sox, 11 p.m.

Saturday

AFN-Atlantic

MLB: NY Yankees @ Boston Red Sox, 5 p.m.

MLB: San Francisco Giants @ Los Angeles Dodgers, 8 p.m.

AFN-Pacific

Friday Night Fights: Jason Litzau vs John Nolasco, 1 a.m.

Cycling: 2005 Tour de France - Stage 14, 4 p.m.

AFN-Sports

British Open: Highlight Presentation, 5:05 a.m.

Outdoors: 2005 Great Outdoor Games, 7 a.m.

Cycling: 2005 Tour de France - Stage 13 Primetime, 11 a.m.

British Open: 2005 Open Championship - Third Round, 3 p.m.

Outdoors: 2005 Great Outdoor Games, 6:30 p.m.

MLB: Texas Rangers @ Oakland Athletics, 8 p.m.
IndyCar Series: Firestone Indy 200, 11 p.m.

Sunday

AFN-Atlantic

MLS: Columbus Crew @ Chicago Fire, 11 a.m.
NASCAR: Nextel Cup Series, 6 p.m.

AFN-Pacific

NASCAR: Busch Series, midnight

MLB: Chicago White Sox @ Cleveland Indians, 5 p.m.

Racing: Trans-Am Series - Molson Indy Toronto, 8 p.m.

AFN-Sports

MLB: Washington Nationals @ Milwaukee Brewers, 7 a.m.

British Open: 2005 Open Championship - Final Round, noon

Outdoors: 2005 Great Outdoor Games, 5:30 p.m.

Boxing: World Championship Boxing - 12-Round Middleweight Title: Bernard Hopkins vs Jermain Taylor, 7 p.m.



EVENTS

Advertising deadline is Friday one week prior to publication.
E-mail announcements weekly in normal text with event, location, date, time, point of contact's full name and phone number/e-mail address to news@lajes.af.mil.

Street bullfights

Saturday: 9:30 p.m., Arena bullfight (Angra)

Sunday: 6 p.m., Bairro Joaquim Alves (next to British cemetery)

Other local events

Arts and crafts fair: An arts and crafts fair takes place at the marina in Praia from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. every Sunday through Aug. 28.

Base events

Couple's communication: A couple's communication seminar takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 23 and 30 in the family support center. For more information, call 2-4138.

Investment class: A Basic Investment class takes place from 2 to 4 p.m. July 22 in the family support center. Call 2-4138 to sign up.

VA visit: Paul Pittman, a Veterans' Administration representative, will brief members on VA benefits from 9-11 a.m. Aug. 5 at the family support center. He will also take one-on-one appointments on the afternoon of Aug. 5 and all day Aug. 8. For more information or to sign up, call 2-4138.

Education center

ERAU classes: Management 420 is July 25-31. People can register through Monday. For more information, call Terra Schellig at 2-3375.

OU classes: Enrollments for independent-directed courses and internships for the fall term are now open. The last day to enroll is Sept. 1. Enrollment for "Current Problems in HR" is in progress. The last day to add/drop this course is Aug. 8. For more information, call Jaclyn Kemp at 2-3171.

Volunteer/jobs

Services vacancies: The following positions are vacancies or anticipated vacancies within the 65th Services Squadron: life-guard, animal caretaker, recreation aids, swimming instructor



Sushi!

Megan Hernandez spreads boiled rice onto seaweed during a sushi preparation class at the base commissary Tuesday. The traditional Japanese entree is made up of rice, rolled seaweed and a topping of choice. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Josie Kemp)

and child development center program assistant. To apply for any of these positions, visit the 65th SVS Human Resources Office in Bldg. T-112. For more information, call the HRO staff at 2-5200.

Administrative volunteers: Lajes Elementary School is in need of administrative volunteers. If interested, call 2-3491. Volunteer opportunities are available during the summer as well as the upcoming school year.

Legal office volunteers: The 65th Air Base Wing Legal office is looking for volunteers to help answer phone calls and do light administration work. If interested, call 2-3546 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Bank job: Pentagon Federal Credit Union has a job opening for a branch service representative. Previous banking experience preferred. DEROS must be after December 2006. Apply at Bldg. T-202 or call 295-513-221 for more information.

Lunch monitors: Lajes schools have paid lunch monitor positions open. To apply, visit the elementary school office and pick up an application from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. For more information, call 2-3491.

Crossing guards: The elementary school needs adult volunteer crossing guards. Help is needed in the morning and afternoon during the times children are arriving and departing each school day. For more information, call the school at 2-6216.

Bus monitors: Lajes is looking for volunteer bus monitors for the upcoming school year. If interested, contact Janet Ross at janet.ross@lajes.af.mil or 2-1314.

Subs needed: Lajes high and elementary schools need substitute teachers for the upcoming school year. Pick up applications at either school between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays. For more information, call Paula Carnley at 2-3491 or Lori McCoy at 2-4151.

Administrative assistant: TolTest, Inc. has an immediate opening for an administrative assistant. The job includes providing administrative support for a base project. The candidate must be able to work a full-time schedule with the ability to fulfill the duties of the position for the duration of the assignment (approximately 18 months). Interested persons should submit a resume and cover letter to: TolTest, Inc., c/o Human Resources, 1915 N. 12th Street, Toledo, OH 43624 or email: hr@toltest.com.

Miscellaneous

School registration: Parents who haven't registered their children for the upcoming school year can do so now. For elementary school registration, call Cidalia Dias at 2-6216 and for middle/high school registration, call Stephen Kless at 2-4151.

First day of school: Elementary and middle/high school students begin Aug. 29; kindergartners begin Sept. 6; Sure Start students begin Sept. 19.

Drop boxes: Box top and food labels, which allow the elementary school to get free items, can now be dropped off at either the post office or the el-

ementary school.

Extra parking: Extra school parking is available beside the school by the playing field near the youth center. Parents should park there and walk to pick up their children so there isn't a traffic jam.

Meal program: Parents interested in the free/reduced price meal program for upcoming school year should e-mail Janet Ross at janet.ross@lajes.af.mil for an application. Parents who live off base should also e-mail Ms. Ross for a bus application, so the school can map out the bus routes. For more information, call 2-1314.

Selection board: The next undergraduate flying training selection board will convene Jan. 10, 2006. The board will review active-duty applications for pilot, navigator or air battle manager training. Officers born after April 1, 1976 and a TFCSD after April 1, 2001, who meet all other eligibility criteria can apply. Send completed application, postmarked by Nov. 23, to HQ AFPC/DPAOT3, 550 C Street West Suite 31, Randolph AFB Texas 78150-4733. For more information on application procedures, see AFI 36-2205 or call the 65th Mission Support Squadron's formal training element at 2-5203.

Closures

Hillside Lanes: The Hillside Lanes Bowling Center will be closed Aug. 2-15.

Hiking trips: All Outdoor Recreation hiking trips scheduled for July have been cancelled.

Classifieds

Submit ads via e-mail to news@lajes.af.mil. Ads are due by 5 p.m. Friday.

PCS sale, everything must go: Two dehumidifiers, \$60 each. Microwave, \$35. Toaster oven, \$25, portable basketball hoop, \$20. DVD movies, \$7 each. Music CDs, \$5 each. Various household decorations/items, men and women's clothing. Call Michael at 295-543-332 or 2-6830.

For sale: 1996 Plymouth Grand Voyager SE. Good condition, AC, power everything, towing package. \$4,000 O.B.O. Call 295-549-676 or 961-172-071

For sale: Klipsch center channel speaker, KSF-C5, in original box. 100 watts, 8 ohms, 24x7x7, black, 16 lbs. \$75. One recently sold on Ebay for \$95+shipping. Call Mike Nelson at 2-4259 or 295-549-229.